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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to prosecution, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice, and add the following new claims:

A fertilizer composition comprising matt extract or spent grain liquor as herein defined with the proviso that lime is not included in said composition.

21. A fertilizer composition according to claim 21, wherein the malt extract or spent grain liquor comprises cations, free amino nitrogen, glucans, carbohydrates, sugars, amino acid peptides, and polyphenols.

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